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2025 Membership Renewal Reminder
The Southern Gold Society reminds all members that the 2025 membership renewal period is now open. Annual dues remain $25 and are due by **December 31, 2024**. To avoid a lapse in membership, please renew promptly.

To renew, make your check payable to *Southern Gold Society* and mail it to:

David Crenshaw
P.O. Box 237
Dacula, GA 30019

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed for 2025. We would also like to extend a special thanks to founding member Doug Winter for his generous $250 contribution. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We value your membership and look forward to another year focused on our shared interest in Southern gold coinage.

2025 Gatherings Update
Although time has run out to organize a gathering at the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention in January, there is still an opportunity to plan events for the following shows:

- **American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show**, February 27–March 1, 2025
- **Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) Coin Show**, April 11–13, 2025

These gatherings are a great way for members to connect, share knowledge, and explore our mutual interest in Southern gold coinage.

We are seeking **volunteers** to assist with organizing these events and

presenters to lead educational programs. If you have a topic or collection you'd like to share, your participation would add tremendous value.

If you’re interested in volunteering or presenting, please contact us at **contactus@southerngoldsociety.org**. Let’s work together to make these gatherings a meaningful part of 2025!

Discovering the History and Trade of Precious Metals

The Southern Gold Society is pleased to present *The Data Mine of Gold: A Comprehensive History of Gold, Platinum & Silver Trade,* a remarkable study by coin and precious metals expert David Yawn. Drawing from over 40 years of experience in the coin and precious metals markets, Yawn offers an unparalleled exploration of the history, uses, and global impact of gold, platinum, and silver.

In this meticulously compiled work, readers are taken on a journey through the centuries—tracing the perilous quests for gold that shaped human history, from ancient settlements to modern industry. Yawn's study delves into topics ranging from the practical uses of gold and its role in world finance to counterfeit detection and the inner workings of the Federal Reserve Bank's gold vaults. With engaging historical anecdotes and insightful analysis, this study is both a treasure trove of knowledge and an invaluable resource for collectors, investors, and enthusiasts alike.

Highlights of the Study Include:

- The history and influence of gold in early trade and industry
- Banking, gold reserves, and the evolution of the gold standard
- Counterfeit detection techniques and the rise of fake gold bars
- Platinum's unique role and other fascinating facts about precious metals

This comprehensive guide concludes with a detailed appendix and a credentials overview of David Yawn, affirming his dedication to impartiality and his commitment to the interests of coin collectors and sellers.

We invite you to explore this rich repository of knowledge and share in Yawn's lifelong passion for the world of precious metals.

Click here to download the PDF of *The Data Mine of Gold*

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Writers Needed

One of the purposes of the SGS is to "enjoy each member's knowledge." This newsletter is one of the ways this numismatic knowledge is dispersed. The frequency of the newsletter is driven by the number of submissions for publication. The editor of the SGS eNewsletter needs new material and

welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles should be relevant to the study of the gold coins and related history of the Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans branch mints and private minters Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers. If you do a presentation at a gathering or other venue, consider compiling your notes into an article. Do not worry about the grammar. The editor will do the rest. Electronic manuscripts should be submitted by email to contactus@southerngoldsociety.org.

Mission Statement

The Southern Gold Society was formed to increase the enjoyment and study of Southern gold coins and related history, through an informal, relaxed mix of education and fellowship. The society is reminiscent of those of a bygone era, in which connoisseurship and a gentlemanly appreciation of Southern gold coins is the order of the day.

Purpose

- To facilitate the enjoyment and study of the gold coins and related history of the Southern branch mints (Dahlonega, Charlotte, and New Orleans) and private Southern minters (Templeton Reid and the Bechtlers).
- To enjoy each member's knowledge and friendship in an informal manner.
- To provide a relaxed, pleasant environment in which to meet during selected coin shows and other convenient events.
- To encourage the appreciation and preservation of a Southern gold coin’s original surfaces.
- To consolidate the information, resources, and talent available to enthusiasts of these historic Southern gold coins.

Annual Membership Fees

Regular $25 (January-December).

Membership for new members joining in October, November, or December extends through the next year. Checks for membership fees should be made payable to the Southern Gold Society and mailed to David Crenshaw, P.O. Box 237, Dacula, GA 30019-0004.

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